

SB2928



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/4/2014, by Sen. Terry Link

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Lake County Prescription Drug Disposal Pilot Program. Provides that the program shall facilitate the collection, transportation, and disposal of pharmaceuticals by law enforcement agencies. Requires the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health to submit a report on the collection efforts and overall effectiveness of the program to the General Assembly and the Governor by January 1, 2016. Provides for a repeal date of January 1, 2016.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Lake
5 County Prescription Drug Disposal Pilot Program.

6 Section 5. Findings. Prescription drug disposal programs
7 were implemented to prevent the illegal use of legal medicinal
8 drugs. Prescription drugs can be equally as powerful and
9 dangerous as street drugs, and their abuse can lead young
10 people to try street drugs like heroin, available at a fraction
11 of the cost of prescription drugs, to replicate the euphoric
12 effects of prescription drugs. Drug disposal programs were also
13 implemented to minimize the environmental effects caused by
14 prescription drugs flushed into the water supply. In 2012
15 alone, Lake County's disposal effort collected over 8000 pounds
16 of prescription drugs. The program, though successful, is
17 unfunded and dependent upon law enforcement volunteers to
18 transport the prescription drugs twice a year to the Drug
19 Enforcement Agency (DEA) on DEA-sponsored disposal days. Lake
20 County is responsible for approximately 1/3 of all of the
21 prescription drugs collected by the DEA in Illinois. The Solid
22 Waste Agency of Lake County is permitted by the Illinois
23 Environmental Protection Agency to dispose of prescription

1 drugs.

2 Section 10. Definitions. For the purposes of this Act, "law
3 enforcement agency" means an agency of the State or of a unit
4 of local government which is vested by law or ordinance with
5 the duty to maintain public order and to enforce criminal laws,
6 statutes, and ordinances.

7 Section 15. Pilot program. There is created the Lake County
8 Prescription Drug Disposal Pilot Program subject to
9 appropriation. The Program shall be established upon adoption
10 of a resolution or ordinance by the Lake County Board and with
11 the consent of the Director of the Illinois Department of
12 Public Health.

13 Section 20. Purpose. The Program shall facilitate the
14 collection, transportation, and disposal of pharmaceuticals by
15 law enforcement agencies. The Program shall designate the Solid
16 Waste Agency of Lake County to dispose of all pharmaceuticals
17 from residential sources that are collected and transported by
18 Lake County law enforcement agencies under Section 17.9A of the
19 Environmental Protection Act.

20 Section 25. Reporting requirements. By January 1, 2016, the
21 Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health shall
22 prepare a report on the collection efforts and overall

1 effectiveness of the program and shall submit the report to the
2 General Assembly and the Governor.

3 Section 30. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,
4 2016.